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structures on the lot are wholly unautho

made as to whether the Crown Lessee has complied with the conditions under which this land is held, or the provisions of No. 17 and succeeding sections of the Public Health Ordinances should be applied. But why was not either of the courses adopted long ago? Why was the place allowed to fester in the condition described by Mr Crow for sixteen months after the complaint was inserted in the fore front of the *petiti* a)

With regard to the other causes of complaint, it appears that some steps have been taken to effect an improvement. It requires a combination of circumstances, Mr Crow says, to make the practice of drying sugar-bags a nuisance. He admitted, when questioned by Mr Ede, that the practice did occur occasionally, and we can only hope that the sanitary inspectors will make it their business to see that the combination of circumstances alluded to by Mr Crow is not allowed to arise or to continue. The general experience is that it does not require a combination of many circumstances to make the drying of sugar bags a nuisance. As to the grievance about the irrigation of land with offensive matter, Mr Crow says, and we think rightly, that unless residents themselves take the trouble to forward complaints to the Sanitary Board, the objectionable practice will prevail. In a matter of this sort it is evident that the residents must not look upon the Sanitary Board as a species of *corpus delicti* to be

after their every grievance. There is provision in the law for prohibiting such irrigation within fifty yards of a public thoroughfare; but it stands to reason that, if complaints are not made, it would require an army of inspectors to find out every case in which there might be an infringement of the regulation. Mr Crow says the statement of the petitioners that garbage and refuse material are stored and allowed to lie rotting and exposed to all sorts of weather in the Pokukua Road is inaccurate. We suppose this means that since the petition was sent in the nuisance has been abated; but that it did exist was testified to by several residents. We are glad to learn that the nuisance caused by the burning of refuse, whether it was a contributory cause of the fever or not, has been mitigated to some extent, the old site on the North side of Mount Davis, where the rubbish was occasionally burned,

The Sanitary Board forwarded some time ago a report to the Government strongly condemning the present system of half-burning the refuse on the beach at Green Island, and recommending that a patent destructor be obtained and the refuse thoroughly burned on the small island near Green Island. The Government have not yet replied to this communication, but we hope they will not tarry much longer in dealing with this long-standing nuisance.

TELEGRAMS.

(*Having Telegrams.*)

THE NEW FRENCH MINISTRY.

PARIS, 20th Feb.

The President of the Republic has offered the mission of forming a new cabinet to M. Freycinet, who has asked time to reflect.

PARIS, 21st Feb.

M. Meline has accepted the mission of

PARIS, 22nd Feb.

M. Méline having failed, the mission of forming a new ministry has been intrusted to M. Tirard, who has been appointed President of the Cabinet without a portfolio. The other ministers are

Constans,	Home Affairs
Rouvier,	Finance
Thévenet,	Justice
Fallières,	War *
Jaurès,	Marine and Colonies
Jean Guyot,	Public Works
Yves,	Agriculture

The portfolios of Foreign Affairs and Commerce are still vacant.

PARIS, 22nd Feb.

Mr Spuller has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(* A later telegram gives this place to M. Freycinet.)

(From Singapore Papers.)

THE DEFENCE OF GIBRALTAR

the war closed now hanging over Europe, the departure of the Duke of Cambridge to visit Gibraltar must be regarded as significant, and probably will result in the immediate improvement of the defenses of that fortress.

ABYSSINIA.

Aden, 18th Feb.: The Cosacskes are building huts at Sagallo and frequent quarrels have taken place with the natives. [A letter telegraphed from the head of the Cosack Mission, was made prisoner by the French at Obook.]

LECAP AND GENERAL.

PURSED SORE CANAL.

OWING NEWS.—Rice, Jan. 11, *Excess*, 15; *India*, 17; *Japan*, 22; *Guinea*, 13; *Trifles*, *Dorst*, *Mary*, 6; *Bancro*, 7; *Hay*, 8; *Thyris*, 12; *Gle gyle*, *Ningchow*, 15; *Aden*, *Bellerophon*, *Clamagorn*, *Badenow*, *Antonic*, *Suzee*, 19; *Lydia*, *Spiridry*, 23; *Cyclope*, 26; *Ulysses*, 12; *Telemachus*, 19; *Momachusa*, *Polygymnia*, *Pasiden*, 19; *Boys*, *Chris*, 20.

The P. & O. steamer *Kaini*—And, with the English Mail of February 1st, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here, on or about Monday, the 4th inst. The *Kaini* steamer brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on December 26th.



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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
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5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Polder's Wharf.
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7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellott's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Company or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Achilles	Brit.	str.	1500	Feb. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Hamburg	To-morrow
Agatha	Brit.	str.	1679	Feb. 27	Siemens & Co.	San Francisco	K'loon Dock 2nd prox.
Arabia	Brit.	str.	1340	Jan. 21	Wielor & Co.	London, &c.	
Arctic	Brit.	str.	4368	Feb. 20	O. S. S. Co.		
Bombardier	Brit.	str.	1513	Feb. 14	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.		
China	Brit.	str.	1513	Feb. 14	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.		
Chow Fong	Brit.	str.	1055	Feb. 27	Yuen Fat Hong		
Deodoro	Brit.	str.	1060	Feb. 27	Tung Kee & Co.		
Diamond	Brit.	str.	1197	Feb. 24	Ed. Schellhass & Co.	Hoihow, &c.	To-day
Diamante	Brit.	str.	614	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	Amoy & Manila	2nd prox.
Doris	Brit.	str.	771	Feb. 24	Wielor & Co.	Touron	To-day
Fokien	Brit.	str.	509	Feb. 10	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	K'loon Dock 3rd prox.
Haitan	Brit.	str.	1182	Feb. 27	Douglas Steamship Co.	Singapore	To-morrow
Kashgar	Brit.	str.	1555	Feb. 20	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Komamoto Maru	Brit.	str.	1240	Feb. 27	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Swatow	To-morrow
Kwang Sang	Brit.	str.	1000	Feb. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Mei-tai	Brit.	str.	339	Jan. 31	Wielor & Co.		
Nerbudda	Brit.	str.	1395	Feb. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Sourabaya	To-morrow
Nippon	Brit.	str.	762	Feb. 27	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Palsham	Brit.	str.	517	Feb. 11	Hop Hing Hong	Vancouver &c.	Costan Dock
Parthia	Brit.	str.	2075	Feb. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Pilot Fish	Brit.	str.	1288	Feb. 27	H. K. & W. Dock Co.		
President Garfield	Brit.	str.	1288	Feb. 27	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Saghalien	Brit.	str.	2580	Feb. 28	Messageries Maritimes		
Tachiew	Brit.	str.	862	Feb. 29	Yuen Fat Hong	Saigon	To-morrow
Triumph	Brit.	str.	674	Feb. 27	Wielor & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Verona	Brit.	str.	1876	Feb. 20	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Haiphong	To-morrow
Vorwarts	Brit.	str.	612	Feb. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Calcutta	To-morrow
Wingang	Brit.	str.	1917	Feb. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Wyvern	Brit.	str.	1107	Feb. 24	Siemens & Co.		

Name.	Flag.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Adam W. Spies	Amer. bge.	1171	Jan. 22	Russell & Co.		
Coloma	Amer. bge.	514	Jan. 23	Siemens & Co.		
Empire	Amer. bge.	774	Jan. 23	Siemens & Co.		
Empire	Amer. bge.	1075	Jan. 23	Siemens & Co.		
Esport	Amer. bge.	634	Jan. 23	Siemens & Co.		
Mercury	Amer. bge.	361	Feb. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Pactolus	Amer. bge.	1145	Feb. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
State of Maine	Amer. bge.	1407	Feb. 11	Pastan & Co.		

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Flag.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Affair	Brit. bge.	1700	4	3180	Com. R. Blair Macdonochie	Shanghai
Cookchale	Brit. bge.	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Everard Maxwell	Hongkong
Constante	Brit. bge.	2580	10	2580	Capt. L. G. Kappeler	Yokohama
Cordelia	Brit. bge.	2380	10	2420	Captain Henry H. Boys	Hongkong
Esk	Brit. bge.	363	3	340		In reserve
Esport	Brit. bge.	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Reginald Y. Smith	Hongkong
Firebrand	Brit. bge.	465	4	480	Lieut.-Com. Denison	Shanghai
Firebrand	Brit. bge.	1420	8	1130	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Impetuous	Brit. bge.	8400	10	10000	Captain William H. May	Hongkong
Impetuous	Brit. bge.	4300	10	5500	Captain M. J. Dunlop	Hongkong
Lulu	Brit. bge.	756	6	1050	Commander Smythies	Singapore
Martin	Brit. bge.	450	4	430	Lieut.-Com. G. H. Yonge	Hongkong
Mutine	Brit. bge.	1130	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Shanghai
Orion	Brit. bge.	4870	4	4040	Captain Hy. J. Carr	Singapore
Porpoise	Brit. bge.	1730	6	3600	Commander R. W. White	Hongkong
Rambler	Brit. bge.	430	3	690	Capt. The Hon. F. C. Vereker	Hongkong
Rattler	Brit. bge.	715	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. W. Maitland Douglas	Shanghai
Sapphire	Brit. bge.	1970	12	2360	Captain W. C. Karlake	Singapore